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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: INVITATION TO ATTEND SAKHAROV HEARING

REF: COPENHAGEN 1124

1. SUMMARY: WE WILL REPORT ON THE SAKHAROV HEARING TO BE HELD HERE OCT 17-19 AND A PARALLEL TELEGRAM FORWARDS A SUMMARY OF THE MOST RECENT EVENTS AS REPORTED IN THE DANISH PRESS. THE PRESENT TELEGRAM REQUESTS INSTRUCTIONS WHETHER THE EMBASSY SHOULD ACCEPT AN INVITATION BY THE "INTERNATIONAL SAKHAROV HEARING" TO SEND AN "OBSERVER" TO THE PROCEEDINGS. END SUMMARY.

2. APPARETNLY ALL EMBASSIES IN COPENHAGEN HAVE RECEIVED SUCH AN INVITATION. WE HAD EARLIER BEEN INFORMED BY THE BRITISH EMBASSY THAT THEY HAD BEEN ASKED BY LONDON TO REPORT FULLY ON THE HEARINGS AND INTENDED TO SEND THE HEAD OF THEIR POLITICAL SECTION, A FIRST SECRETARY, AS AN OBSERVER. BELIEVING THAT MOST OTHER WESTERN EMBASSIES WOULD ALSO ACCEPT THE INVITATION, WE JUDGED IT INAPPROPRIATE TO BE CONSPICIOUS BY OUR CONFIDENTIAL

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ABSENCE AND HAD PLANNED TO HAVE THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR

ATTEND A LIMITED NUMBER OF SESSIONS. IT NOW APPEARS, HOWEVER, THAT WE MAY BE CONSPICIOUS -- AND COUNTER-PROMPTIVE -- BY OUR PRESENCE IN AN OBSERVER CAPACITY AND ARE CONSEQUENTLY REQUESTING INSTRUCTIONS.

3. WE KNOW THAT A NUMBER OF WESTERN EUROPEAN EMBASSIES HAVE ALREADY ALSO REQUESTED INSTRUCTIONS. BUT WE ARE AWARE THAT ONLY THE GERMANS AND FRENCH HAVE RECEIVED REPLIES: DO NOT ATTEND. THE BRITISH REQUEST PRESUMED US AND OTHER NATO PARTICIPATION. DUTCH AND BELGIAN REPLIES ARE PENDING.

4. THE SPONSORS OF THE HEARING, THE "COMMON COMMITTEE OF EAST EXILES IN DENMARK", ARE CONCERNED OVER THE SECURITY OF THE SESSIONS, AND, IN THE INVITATIONS TO EMBASSIES, HAVE ASKED THAT A PHOTOGRAPH OF EACH EMBASSY'S OBSERVER BE FORWARDED TO THEM TO BE AFFIXED TO AN ADMISSION CARD. WE KNOW THIS REQUEST ANNOYED CERTAIN EMBASSIES.

5. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, IT APPEARS THAT THREE PRINCIPAL OPTIONS EXIST

A. RESPOND NOW TO THE INVITATION, RECEIVED THIS MORNING (OCT 14) BY SUBMITTING THE NAME AND PHOTOGRAPH OF THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR WHO WOULD, AS ORIGINALLY PLANNED, ATTEND A LIMITED NUMBER OF THE SESSIONS DURING THE THREE-DAY PERIOD.

B. FOLLOW THE PROCEDURE OUTLINED IN (A) EXCEPT SUBSTITUTE A LOWER-RATING OFFICER -- PERHAPS VICE CONSUL DALE W. DOVER; AND

C. MAKE NO REPLY TO THE INVITATION NOW AND SEND NO OBSERVER UNLESS HE WOULD BE ONE OF A COMFORTABLE NUMBER OF DIPLOMATS. IN THIS CASE, THE LEVEL OF OUR REPRESENTATIVE WOULD BE DETERMINED BY WHAT WE COULD LEARN FROM OTHER PARTICIPATING EMBASSIES. WE RECOMMEND OPTION C.

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